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Sir:

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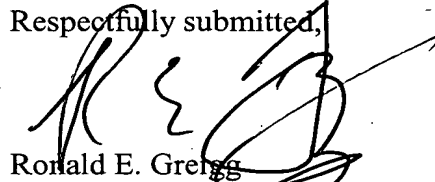
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The purpose of this invention is to improve fuel injection characteristics with no high working accuracy required in the fuel injection nozzle for an internal, combustion engine. A suck section 12 to which a nozzle hole 11 communicated with a combustion chamber 3 is opened, and a tapered section 13 which is widened in a conical surface shape from the suck

section, are formed in the nozzle body 1 respectively, a throttle section 22 which is superposed on the suck section 12, and a seat section 23 which is seated over the tapered section 13, are formed in a needle 2 respectively, and a ring shaped groove 24 imparting turbulence to a fuel flow directed to the nozzle hole 11 as the needle 2 is initially lifted is formed in the outer circumferential surface of the throttle section 22.

Examination of this application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



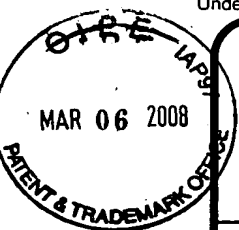
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